

Installation Service for Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

Rabbi Angel will be formally installed as the rabbi of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav on Friday, November 10. Rabbi Robert N. Levine, head rabbi at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Rabbi Angel's former congregation in New York, will officiate at the ceremony. Festivities will continue throughout Shabbat.

After Kabbalat Shabbat, there will be an oneg featuring desserts baked by our members. This is your chance to donate your time and talent, and to welcome our new rabbi. How do Jews welcome people to their new home – with food! Call Jeff Forman at 648-0381 or email sfjeff@mindspring.com to volunteer.

Shabbat morning, after services, there will be a special oneg, sponsored by the congregation. In the afternoon, there will be Torah study with Rabbi Angel, and then....a nosh, because who can dance and sing on an empty stomach after havdalah?

There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Please contact Dahlia at the office (861-6932) for information.

See page 4 for more information about the weekend.

CSZ Dialogue on Class, Income & Money

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 am-2 pm

What economic class background do you come from? What is your situation today? How and why does this matter in our community?

CSZ members come from all socioeconomic backgrounds and income levels. One of our congregation's fundamental values is to be welcoming and accessible to all. Just as we work to understand and welcome people of all sexual orientations, generations and Jewish backgrounds to our community, it is important that all of us, from whatever income and class background, feel a part of the diversity that makes CSZ unique.

Please come join a facilitated congregational dialogue about class, income and money on Sunday, December 3, 10:30-2 pm, at CSZ. Our purpose here is to share stories about our own backgrounds and perspectives on these questions, to create a deeper understanding of our different and common needs and concerns, and to explore how the congregation can become an even more comfortable and welcoming place for all of us.

For more information, please contact:

Ami Zusman 510/339-6143, or ami.zusman@ucop.edu or Jim Frazin 337-4566, or jf@shibboleth.com.

CSZ 101

New to the congregation? Been around a while and wondered what that Shabbat melody is exactly or where that prayer came from? Join us this fall for CSZ 101.

The remaining two classes will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. You can take both or just come to one. Come meet new and established members of the congregation, Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and members of our Va'ad.

Thursday, November 2

CSZ Melodies

(includes a tape for all participants)

Thursday, November 9

CSZ Liturgy

Meet the Rabbi

by Allan Gold, Chair,

Rabbi Liaison Committee

The Rabbi Liaison Committee is very pleased to be host to a series of "parlor" sessions for members to meet Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, in a setting that is conducive to dialogue and discussion. Two of these meetings took place at the end of October, but there are still opportunities for you to attend a session. Since we are trying to keep the number of people at each session to between 20 and 25, please RSVP to the synagogue office to let us know that you will be attending and to obtain location information. Future meetings are scheduled for Sundays November 19 and December 10 from 3-6 pm and Wednesday, December 6 from 6-9 pm.

Rabbi Angel is looking forward to meeting and speaking with many of you over the next several months. We hope you will take this opportunity to get acquainted with her.

Memorial Service for Yitzhak Rabin

On Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will be hosting a Community Commemoration of the Fifth Yahrzeit of Yitzhak Rabin.

This memorial observance is sponsored by the Israel Center of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, AIPAC and the Jewish Community Relations Council. For more information, please call 512-6203.



Rabbi Angel

God said to Abram, "Go forth from your native land, and from your birthplace and from your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1).

As a child, I never realized that when God called out to Abraham, God was calling out to me as well. Even now as an adult, I struggle to keep the noise level down so that I can hear God's voice and figure out what I am supposed to do with my life.

During this past year, there have been many times when I have found myself identifying with the story of Abraham's call: Lekh Lekha, Go! Get yourself out, leave all that has become familiar to you and have faith. For me, leaving New York City, where I was an Associate Rabbi for five full and rewarding years, leaving my first and only rabbinate, to go to a very different sort of congregation, and start all over again, and become the "senior" rabbi required a certain leap of faith.

Often I wonder what has brought me to this particular place in history. I am not prepared to accept it simply as an accident of birth. I recognize that the events of the world have shaped me, that what I have encountered in my own life has helped make me who I am – or who I have struggled to become. I also know that my personal history must be seen against the backdrop of the history of my family and the Jewish people.

I think back to the decisions that I have made up to this point. So many of my choices seem to have been determined by circumstances beyond my control. I imagine that Abraham felt the same way, happily going along his life's journey until he received God's call, "Lekh Lekha - go, get out of this familiar place and move forward." I imagine that he felt pushed to leave his home by a hand mightier than his own.

I, myself, have felt drawn by powerful and magnetic forces, by many hands reaching toward me and guiding me to this place in this time. Looking back, I

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Adult Jewish Education - Fall 2000

Scenes, Sagas and Seductions from our Sacred Texts

Dates: Tuesdays, November 14 - December 12
Time: 7 - 8:30 pm
Cost: Members - Free
Non-Members - \$10 class / \$40 for 5 sessions
Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

From the Torah to the Talmud to the trials of today, the stories of our tradition are not only engaging but hold many pearls of wisdom. This course examines stories and narratives surrounding human relationships and family conflict, so that we may glean from them insights for our own lives.

- 11/14 The Beginnings of Desire: An Exploration into the Roots and Mysteries of the Special Bonds that Unite People, from the Garden Until Today
- 11/21 Parenting in Ancient and Modern Times
- 11/28 Twins, Sisters and Stepsons: Tensions Running High - the Sagas of Siblings
- 12/5 Get Yourself a Teacher, Make Yourself a Friend - the Dynamics of Student/Teacher Relationships
- 12/12 "Where You Go, I Will Go" - the Powerful Bonds Between Friends

Leadership Class Scheduled

The 2001 Leadership Development Program has scheduled its orientation meeting for Thursday, November 16 at the synagogue. This meeting will provide an overview of the seven sessions which will begin in early December. The Leadership Development Program is designed as an entry point for active participation in the congregation.

The sessions are designed to help folks understand how the congregation works, where we have come from in our governance and how we fit into the community, nation and world. Presenters include past leaders, our rabbi, current officers and non-congregational facilitators. In addition to learning new skills, participants will have the opportunity to discuss ways in which they can join various levels of leadership in the congregation.

The orientation meeting is open to all interested members and you are not required to commit to the whole seminar in advance. The seminar has historically been our most successful entry point for chairs, Va'ad members and officers. Please contact Lea in the CSZ office to indicate your interest in attending the orientation. For additional questions, contact Paul Cohen at 383-8954 or Irene Ogus at 641-1799.

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

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Our Financial Future



David Gellman

Early last year, Sha'ar Zahav's Finance Committee took a long, hard look at our financial situation, and with thoughtful regard for the short- and long-term health of our congregation, reported to the Va'ad that modest but essential adjustments will be required over the next several years to keep our financial position strong and secure. The Va'ad considered several indicators of financial strength that are important to us. These include:

- (1) Maintaining a balanced budget;
- (2) Achieving at least 65 - 70% of our revenues from dues;
- (3) Maintaining a significant reserve fund for emergencies.

CSZ's budget for Fiscal Year 2000-01 is \$550,000. With only a 5% increase per year, our expenses will easily surpass \$600,000 by 2002-03. To balance our budget and keep dues at about 70% of expenses, we learned that over the next three years we will need to increase our membership to 500 members (up from about 390 at present), solidify our existing dues structure, and increase our fundraising in addition to dues, High Holiday contributions and other traditional sources of revenue.

I assembled an ad hoc advisory committee, chaired by Lisa Katz, to examine potential solutions for the congregation. This Revenue Task Force studied a number of issues relating to the subject of synagogue revenue, including an evaluation of our existing "Fair Share" dues; analysis of our policies regarding new members; endowment funds; targeted fundraising opportunities; planned giving programs; and grants as a source of additional operating revenue. During the summer of 2000, the Revenue Task Force delivered its report to the Va'ad; if you have not already received a copy, please feel free to request one from the synagogue office.

The Revenue Task Force proposed two

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Social Action Tenderloin Lunch Apples, Honey & Song

It did not matter that the food arrived a bit late to the Senior Tenderloin Lunch this past September. The seniors were busy singing songs we all know like "Oseh Shalom" and "Shabbat Shalom," with Rabbi Angel leading the way. What really mattered is that Sha'ar Zahav was able to bring social and spiritual nourishment to a group of Jewish seniors spending Shabbat at the North of Market Senior Center. We sang together, said the brachot (blessings) over the wine, challah, candles and, of course, the apples and honey for the New Year. Special thanks for helping to usher in a sweet New Year to:

Lisa Ochs, Lisa Feldstein, Lonnie Weiss, Florence Nacamulli, Buz Bernstein, Burt Berenstein, Gail Ludwig, Ann Aptaker, Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Program Director Dahlia Gross. Much gratitude also goes to Noe Valley Bakery and Church Street Flowers for their ongoing donations towards this program.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is one of several congregations in the Bay Area that sponsor lunch at the Senior Center. Todah Rabah (thank you) to Allan Berenstein for all his dedication to this project and for encouraging others in this and so many other Social Action mitzvahs.

Year-end Gift Giving Opportunity

If you are able, please consider a special, year-end gift to Sha'ar Zahav. Consider donating appreciated stock. It's easy to do it through CSZ's brokerage account. Donating stock may provide an excellent tax benefit to you and, of course, is important to the financial health of the synagogue. If you're considering this donation, please contact the synagogue office for the easy instruction sheet or contact CSZ Treasurer James Carlson at 550-1277. Thank you.

Sha'ar Zahav Spring Camp

Jennifer Markowitz and David Shneer are in the initial planning stages of our first Sha'ar Zahav Spring Camp of the new millennium. The camp is scheduled to take place the weekend of May 18-20, 2001. We are currently looking for bright, creative people interested in helping us make this camp a huge success. Contact Jeni Markowitz (familyeducator@shaarzahav.org or 575-4962) for more volunteer information.

Coming Your Way: Family and Children's Read-a-Thon

The Children's Education Board and our education staff are preparing for a springtime Jewish Book Read-a-Thon to raise funds for all of our educational programs. Details about this exciting activity will be available in late fall, but what the Read-a-Thon committee needs right now are good Jewish books for children and teens, appropriate for anyone up to age eighteen. If anyone has quality Jewish books that they would like to donate to our Read-a-Thon library or has connections with bookstores that might be willing to donate Jewish books, please contact David Shneer (educator@shaarzahav.org or 575-4962). The more books we have, the more interesting and exciting the Read-a-Thon will be.

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Hold the Dates: Shabbat and Brunch to Welcome New Members

On the weekend of December 8, please join the Membership Committee in welcoming our new members. On Friday evening, Rabbi Angel will bless the new members. On Sunday, December 11, we will host a brunch in their honor. More details to follow.

Aaron Nacamulli, Sha'ar Zahavnik Since Birth



Aaron Nacamulli, a 7th grader at Presidio Middle School, will become Bar Mitzvah, Saturday, November 4 at Shabbat Shacharit services, 10 am.

Aaron has been at Sha'ar Zahav since he was born 13 years ago. He likes working with kids, skateboarding and video games, and will be connecting his drash on the portion "Noah," to his interest in, and love of, animals. His parents, family, teachers and friends are very proud to see Aaron become an adult member of his Jewish community.

Adult B'Nai Mitzvah

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program prepares CSZ adults for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Participants in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program must be members of CSZ and enjoy learning. Adult preparation includes classes in Hebrew from Beginning to Prayer and Biblical Hebrew, and classes to prepare adults for a deepening of their Jewish knowledge and spiritual growth. The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program culminates with a B'nai Mitzvah service and celebration with the members of our community. For more information please contact Program Director Dahlia Gross at 575-4961 or cszdahlia@yahoo.com.

Requirements For Adult B'Nai Mitzvah

- CSZ membership
- Attendance at CSZ services
- Beginning Hebrew (calendar of classes available)
- Prayer and Biblical Hebrew
- Attendance at B'nai Mitzvah classes

Do you have items for the Naches Column? We'd love to publish them. Please contact the office and give us your good news!

Pinat Mishpachah

Family Corner

Havdalah and Dancing with the Rabbi

Saturday, November 11, 4-6:30 pm
(Please note the special time of Kadimah this Shabbat)

As part of Rabbi Angel's installation, Kadimah will be hosting a special havdalah class in place of regular Kadimah classes on Saturday morning. Jennifer Markowitz and Shirley Burr will be doing special art projects and dance activities with the children while parents study with visiting scholars who are teaching courses as part of the installation. The program will move from serious study to a celebration with a havdalah ceremony, children's dance performance, and singing and dancing to follow. All Kadimah, Family Holiday Program families, and enthusiastic CSZ members are invited to participate.

Contact David Shneer:
(educator@shaarzahav.org
or 575-4962) for more information.

Meet Some of Our Kadimah Staff

A woman who needs no introduction, Phyllis Mintzer has been involved in Jewish education for 60 years, having received her credential as a Hebrew teacher from the Jewish Education Commission in New York. She has been in the Bay Area since 1965, having worked at many Bay Area synagogues as educator and teacher, and she has been at Sha'ar Zahav since 1988. Last year, Phyllis was awarded the honor "Moreh Derech" (Head Teacher) from the Reform Movement.

Ila Cherney, ge'avah teacher, has worked most of her adult life in Jewish communities around the world. She lived and worked in Israel from 1969 to 1977 and has had two written works published: *My Haggadah*, in 1988, and *The Synagogue as a Workplace*, in 1991. In addition to her position on our faculty, Ila works in the school office at Peninsula Temple Sholom.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is for children aged 2-5, their friends and families. We come together one Shabbat every month at 10:30 am for an age-appropriate service filled with art, storytelling, singing, prayer and movement. Please join us this month on

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 am

Baby Havurah Celebration

Saturday, November 18, 9:30 am

Join us at our new time for Shabbat morning stretch and play! This month's celebration will be held Saturday, November 18 at 9:30 am. Songs, toys, bubbles, finger plays and a mini-service puppet show are not to be missed by the 24-month and under set.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, November 17, 6 pm

Shabbat! Shira (singing)! Tefilah (prayer)! Kehilah (community)! Stories! Rabbi Angel and Jeni Markowitz invite you to a catered affair on November 17 at 6 pm. All families are welcome. The cost is sliding scale, adults \$6-11 for members, \$8-13 for non-members; children \$3-6 for members, \$4-7 for non-members. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Jeni Markowitz by November 12.

For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact Jeni Markowitz at 575-4962 or familyleducator@shaarzahav.org.

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September Va'ad Minutes

Susan Unger, who was not able to attend the meeting, gave the d'var torah by "remote control." This week's parshah consists of 72 different laws governing behavior, some out of date, others not. For example, if you find a neighbor's pet or possession, you must take it back, even if no one would ever know. While some of these are anachronisms, others still help us understand how to live ethical Jewish lives.

The July minutes were approved with two changes: the cost for Introductory Membership is \$75 and Ben Bank's name was added to the list of Finance Committee members to be thanked.

August minutes were approved.

Program Director Dahlia Gross gave an overview of recent programs at CSZ. While everything is going well, she reported having problems with the wording of the language on synagogue publicity. Her committee spent a lot of time deciding on language for a party targeting 18-35 year olds. Some people had trouble with targeting a specific age group as well as the use of the word "queer" on the flier. She noted, however, that CSZ creates age-specific programs for other age groups. Dahlia suggested that we need a dialogue to talk about these issues, such as how we market events to groups, and how we define the needs for each age group in the congregation.

There was further discussion about clarity of language on future fliers, and Dahlia was thanked for her hard work and her report.

President David Gellman was not present, but there was a discussion of the key issues contained in his written report: the synagogue needs a chair for the new fundraising committee, as well as a new volunteer coordinator. Members of the newly formed Rabbi's Liaison Committee, will be announced

shortly; Allan Gold is the chair. The new Membership Outreach committee will consist of both appointed individuals and volunteers.

Rabbi Angel was at her sister's wedding and submitted a written report. She recommended that we create a standardized method to communicate major events in people's lives (births and deaths) on the day that the office receives the information. This would probably be done by email, but it raises the question of which congregants should receive this information.

There was a short discussion of the duties of Va'ad members with regard to deaths affecting congregation members, and it was noted that even when one does not know the individual who has suffered a loss, it is important to reach out. It was pointed out that an important mitzvah is helping to constitute a shiva minyan.

Educator David Shneer was not present, but there was discussion of his recommended action item, the idea of having a self-paying retreat for CSZ families. The Children's Education Board had also discussed the idea, and were concerned about this being a self-supporting event, particularly if the Advance becomes a bigger event. It might be expensive for families, become a scheduling challenge or force people to choose between two events. Various options were proposed, including a payment plan. David was thanked in absentia for his work.

Personnel Committee Chair Lyssa Friedman introduced the proposed Sexual Harassment policy by noting that the Personnel Committee came up with the policy as part of its ongoing effort to put important policy/legal matters in writing. The committee addressed the fact that the potential sources of sexual harassment at CSZ is somewhat differ-

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November-Cheshvan/Kislev

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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5 7 Cheshvan • 7-8:30 pm - Torah Trope Class • 7 pm - JGF Layout	6 8 Cheshvan	7 9 Cheshvan	8 • 4 pm - Kac
12 14 Cheshvan • 7-8:30 pm - Torah Trope Class	13 15 Cheshvan • 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting	14 16 Cheshvan • 7-8:30 pm - Scenes, Sagas and Seductions From Our Sacred Texts taught by <i>Rabbi Angel</i>	15 • 4 pm - Kac • 7 pm - Adu
19 21 Cheshvan • 10 am-3 pm - CEB Retreat • 3-6 pm - Rabbi's Parlor Session • 7-8:30 pm - Torah Trope Class	20 22 Cheshvan • 7 pm - Membership Committee Meeting • 7:30-9 pm - From Creation to Destruction: Jews and the Ancient World taught by <i>David Shneer</i> at Beth Sholom	21 23 Cheshvan • 7-8:30 pm - Scenes, Sagas and Seductions From Our Sacred Texts taught by <i>Rabbi Angel</i>	22 NO Kadimah Mi
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
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Midweek Hebrew g	• 7-9 pm - CSZ 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:50 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Ruthy Talansky, Eileen Levy and Sara Shor Naming of Jared Adam Zimmerman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Ora Prochovnick and Leslie Kane Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Nacamulli • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 7:30 pm - Memorial Service for Yitzhak Rabin
10 Cheshvan	9 11 Cheshvan	10 12 Cheshvan	11 Shabbat Lekh Lekha 13 Cheshvan
Midweek Hebrew	• 7-9 pm - CSZ 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:43 pm - Candle Lighting • 7:30 pm - Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Angel, Lyssa Friedman and Daniel Chesir <div>Installation of Rabbi Camille Shira Angel</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO Morning Kadimah • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Zack Barnes-Miller, Michael Sarid and Nicole Bloom • 2-6:30 pm - Study Session and Celebration • 4 pm - Kadimah Family Havdalah
17 Cheshvan	16 18 Cheshvan	17 19 Cheshvan	18 Shabbat Va-Yera 20 Cheshvan
Midweek Hebrew Education Meeting	• 7 pm - Leadership Development Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:38 pm - Candle Lighting • 6 pm - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service • 6 pm - Prospective Member Dinner • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Nina Wouk, Shmulik Fishman and Leslie Kane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Baby Havurah Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Dev Felder Naily, Jon Pannor and Shmulik Fishman • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
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information.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERMONS

The texts of all the High Holiday sermons are available from the office, or online at www.shaarzahav.org.

East Bay Havurah

Friday, November 17

7:15 pm candle lighting,
vegetarian pot luck and zimrot-singing

At the home of Alice, Rina and Anya Prussin
1412 Cypress St, Berkeley 94703
510/525 8198

Why Are These Members Different From All Other Members? by Marc Wernick —



Although they were interviewed separately, when listening to both Andy Higgins and David Thompson, one cannot help but feel the remarkable sense of

a "bashert" (soul mates). Similarities between the two are remarkable: both are self-identified New Yorkers; both came to Judaism through discovery and they both share a love for study and music. Yet, during our discussion, facets of their personalities showed how they were unique as individuals and complementary as a couple.

Andy and David are recent arrivals to San Francisco. "I miss New York terribly," laments David. Andy just rolls his eyes to that statement. Both can agree however, that San Francisco is indeed a beautiful place to live, despite the fact that there are no good places to buy a bagel in the city.

Andy found a new job at the San Francisco Opera and decided to move out here with David. "Opera is my passion. As the marketing director, I am in charge of advertising and tickets. My dream is to be the general director of a major opera company and this is the perfect stepping stone to that," explained David. Andy also works for the San Francisco Opera as the webmaster.

Andy and David came to Judaism by choice. While baptized Roman Catholic, at the age of 14, Andy and his father converted to Judaism. What does he love about being Jewish? Andy men-

tioned, "Judaism stresses learning, asking questions and uncovering the tradition behind the practices." David's father is Roman Catholic and his mother is Jewish, although not very observant. David was drawn to Judaism in college, having studied some Talmudic readings and attending services with friends who were Jews. Andy is traditional in his approach to Judaism, stressing that it is both an intellectual and spiritual pursuit for him. "Reaching back to my Jewish roots is very cathartic," Andy reflected.

Andy and David will be celebrating their commitment ceremony this month at Sha'ar Zahav. They met via "Perfect Partners" - a voicemail dating system in New York in November 1997. Andy was attracted to the way David said "goodbye" in his ad; David was charmed by the fact that Andy said his ad was "new and improved." And the rest is their history together. They now live together with an Italian greyhound named Figaro, a cat named Meowman, 5 or 6 saltwater fish and 2 snails.

I asked them the following questions:

1. Do you believe in the concept of bashert?

David began, "God whispers a name in your ear when you are born. I heard Andy's voice when I was born. We fit together so nicely; we are so close." Andy chimed in, "By the third date, I was convinced. At the time, we were seeing a lot of Henry James movies and I knew this person was my intellectual and spiritual soulmate. I could talk to David without pretension." Three years later, they still enjoy hanging out together. Both agreed they are perfectly

content to be lying on the couch (David often reading Sanskrit, and Andy reading Latin) listening to music or watching a DVD and just enjoying each other. Skeptical as I am (being from Missouri, the show me state), David and Andrew say finding that someone is bashert is a matter of patience, explaining that it can happen when you least expect it.

2. Where is the ideal spiritual place (other than a synagogue) for you to get married?

Both Andy and David agree that Puerto Rico holds special allure. Andy remembers a moment on their recent vacation. "Right on the beach, where everything was perfect: the sun, sand and sea." David prefers the jungle, "under a natural canopy, where you can hear the sounds of the water and feel the heat with so much life surrounding you."

3. What is the most important family value?

David stresses acceptance and understanding. "As you grow with a person, you accept new things, face new challenges and know where each of you is coming from." Andrew feels that being honest is the most important family value. He says "Being yourself, no more, no less" is most important.

4. Since both of you are huge music fans, I have to ask: if you were to play a piece of music to make you feel contemplative and spiritual, what would it be?

Andrew is a bit ashamed to mention that his favorite composer is Wagner. Wagner's last music drama, *Parsifal*, is the piece that makes him feel the most spiritual. "There is a transcendental, ethereal quality about the piece that is very calming." David spoke about Schoenberg's *Book of the Hanging Garden*. He is drawn to Schoenberg because of Schoenberg's search for identity - born Jewish, he converted to Christianity early on, but reclaimed his Judaism during the rise of the Third Reich, and became a spokesperson for Israel.

Please join me in wishing our new members, Andy Higgins and David Thompson, a warm welcome to both the Bay Area and CSZ, and join them in celebrating their aufruf at Shabbat services November 17.

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Ellie Cohen and Miki Goralsky, in honor of Lisa Katz and Sharon Heath's new daughter, Rose Katz.

General Fund

Eva Zysman, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dr. Andrew Zysman.

Johanna, Sydney and Liam Klayman, with thanks and appreciation to Lyssa Friedman.

Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines, in honor of the naming of Jacob Watenpaugh-Pannor.

Leslie Kane, Manny and Shmulik Fishman in honor of Rose Katz's new house.

Reuben and Sydel Pannor, in honor of the naming of Jacob Reuben Nelson Pannor-Watenpaugh.

Laura Lowe, in honor of the arrival of Rabbi Angel.

Eli Weinstein, in honor of all the members who made the Open House so successful.

Lele Diamond and Rachel Field, in memory of Max Gaines.

Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, in honor of Dev Felder Noily, Tiela Chalmers, Howard Steiermann and Eileen Levy for co-leading services with Shmulik Fishman.

Mike Zimmerman, in memory of Edith Schwartz.

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-Rabbi Angel's Discretionary Fund-

Marc Wernick, to welcome Rabbi Angel.

Walter Leiss, in honor of Rabbi Angel's arrival at CSZ.

Tova Green, in appreciation of CSZ, Rabbi Angel and Karen Segal.

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Jon Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Rabbi Angel's arrival at CSZ.

Anonymous, with thanks for being given an honor at the High Holidays.

Robert Cohen, in appreciation for the support, understanding, hugs, kind words and other acts of bikkur cholim following the loss of his beloved Doug Porter.

Special thanks to **Peter Jacobs** for his in-kind donation of a computer and to Jeff Forman for his in-kind donation of an espresso maker.

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Lisa Ochs, in honor of Howard Steiermann and Phyllis Mintzer.

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Leonie Darwin.

Jerry Rosenstein.

Rave Reviews

Here's what the critics say:

*** "You know you have arrived when you dine with the Membership Committee"

**** "The food and ambiance is only surpassed by the camaraderie and community"

***** "Warm and friendly. You can walk in not knowing a soul and leave having made a new best friend."

What are all the critics raving about?

It's Third Friday Night Dinners with the Membership Committee, of course. Join the Membership Committee, along with both new and not-so-new members to eat and schmooze. These small pre-Shabbat dinners provide an opportunity to get to know other CSZers in a more informal, intimate and relaxed setting. We meet at the synagogue at 6:15 pm and then head to a local bistro for a no-host dinner.

Please join us this month on November 17. For more information, please contact:

Joe Hample (621-7675, or hamplej@wellsfargo.com),

Marc Wernick (928-7883, or mhwernick@aol.com) or the CSZ office.

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one, or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.

new standing committees, which the Va'ad immediately adopted - Membership Outreach, to help CSZ increase its membership base, and Fundraising, to pursue revenue on an organized and ongoing basis. Both of these committees are now actively engaged in their respective tasks; both welcome your participation as a committee member.

The Revenue Task Force also made several policy proposals which are currently under study by the Va'ad, including raising the level at which dues increase from 1.3% of gross income to 1.5% to \$25,000 for individuals and \$35,000 for families (currently, the break points are \$20,000/\$30,000); setting a cap of \$3,600 on annual dues from high-income members; slowly increasing the annual building assessment from \$40 to \$100; re-examining the ways in which we acknowledge major financial gifts; and actively pursuing building pledges from members who joined CSZ after the Mishkan Dolores capital campaign ended. Whew!

The Va'ad will take several months to evaluate these proposals, involving the membership in a series of town hall meetings and culminating in our annual Congregational Meeting where you will decide whether to approve any changes recommended by the Va'ad. These controversial decisions affect us all and need your input. I hope you will be an active participant in these discussions.

Switching to a completely non-controversial topic, allow me the privilege of publicly thanking the dedicated group of volunteers whose efforts helped make our High Holiday observance spiritual, meaningful, accessible, punctual and, occasionally, delicious. I am particularly grateful to Ron Miguel and Manny Fishman, Jeff Piade and Eileen Levy, Jeff Sherman and Elise Fineberg, for coordinating logistics, ritual and oneg functions, and to the many others who ushered, shlepped, directed, typed, chanted, chopped, telephoned, sermonized and vocalized, doing the myriad tasks that must be done to make it all happen. It's a mitzvah and a miracle, and it happens every year!

B'Shalom

David Gellman

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain her or his number from the synagogue office.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.

Open Hand For The Holidays

It's time again to open your hearts, roll up your sleeves and pitch in for the annual Jewish community's takeover of Project Open Hand for the Christmas holiday. Every year Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and Jewish Family and Children's Services fill the approximately 100 volunteer slots needed to bring hot and healthy meals to people living with AIDS. You can sign up to prepare, package and/or deliver meals on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. We provide the people power to give most of the regular volunteers peace of mind over the holidays, knowing that their responsibilities will be taken care of. So make this year your first or your 12th year of participating in this act of tikkun olam. Make this year a Project Open Hand year.

The flier to sign up is included in the newsletter. The deadline for signing up is December 6.

If you want to be sure you will have a volunteer slot, sign up early. Last year, Open Hand filled all volunteer vacancies from their own pool of volunteers immediately after our deadline passed and we had to turn people away. So please, sign up early.

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Naches

To **Lucy Bernholz and Paula Fleisher** on the birth of their son, Harry Samuel Bernholz.

To **Lisa Katz, Sharon Heath and Miriam Zoe Heath Katz** on the arrival of their daughter and sister, Rose Patricia Heath Katz from Hefei, China.

To **Amy Schriber** on doing the Boston/New York AIDS Ride.

To **Ken Repp** on his entrance into the covenant.

To **Aaron Nacamulli** on becoming a bar mitzvah.

To **Mike Zimmerman** on the naming of his grandson, Jared Adam Zimmerman.

To **Mark Bowers** on his new position as Director of Research at St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

To **Batya Kalis**, on the selection of her artwork for the Art With Elders exhibition at the De Young Museum.

Rabbi's Column

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begin to see some traces of the Transcendent Hand. If I'm lucky, I may discover many more connections in the future. And yet, I know, there is so much I will never understand about why things happen as they do. What I do feel certain about is that there is meaning to be fashioned in every place we find ourselves. Like Abraham's grandson, Jacob, we, too, can say as we look back, "God was in this place and I, I did not know it" (Genesis 28:16).

I would feel honored if you join me and my family on Shabbat Lekh Lekha, Friday night, November 10, for my service of consecration (installation) and Saturday, November 11 for a day of prayer, study and joyful celebration with Israeli dancing, our Klezmer band, *Gay Iz Mir* and a special children's Kadimah Dance performance. We will conclude our Shabbaton with a service of Havdalah.

My friend, colleague and mentor from Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Rabbi Robert N. Levine, and my dear friend from our sibling congregation in Los Angeles, Beth Chayim Chadashim, Rabbi Lisa Edwards, will offer d'vrei torah, words of Torah. The blessings are sure to flow for we will also be joined by singer songwriter Marsha Attie, our UAHF Regional Director, Rabbi Michael Berk, and Rabbis Benay Lappe, Eric Weiss, Dorothy A. Richman and Sydney Mintz. These colleagues and friends will offer blessings on our home and our covenantal relationship in the hopes that God will help us to be a blessing. Hazak, Hazak, V'nithazaek: Be strong; be strong; and let us strengthen one another.



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ent than in other workplaces, i.e. potentially not simply from other employees. There was general consensus that notions of appropriate interpersonal behavior are somewhat less clearly delineated in a synagogue than in other types of workplaces. It was moved to accept the sexual harassment policy with an amendment. The Va'ad expressed its deepest thanks to the Personnel Committee for its hard work.

Four new household units were approved for full membership, as were four introductory memberships. Committee members commented on the positive things happening in the area of membership: the Open House held August 26 was very successful, with over 100 people in attendance, including many prospective members, and much fun and dancing. Upcoming events such as the High Holiday preparation classes, are other opportunities to meet newcomers. CSZ 101 sessions geared to new members will begin on October 19.

Treasurer James Carlson went over the written report and the end-of-year data. On the plus side, CSZ had some extra revenue last year. We will not have to pull down additional reserves to end the year, as had been

feared, and will start the new fiscal year in better shape.

Administrator Lea Salem brought us up to date on various administrative issues. Drew Parker-Rose is already helping convene the new Information Technology committee. Marianne Balin is going to co-chair the Membership Committee, joining Joe Hample. Jacob Rothman is going to co-chair the Membership Outreach committee. Buildings and Grounds are going forward with plans to place a carpet in the Oneg room to match the other first floor carpet.

Lyssa Friedman asked that the Va'ad continue the conversation begun by Irene Ogus and Paul Cohen at the July Va'ad meeting on issues such as our roles and responsibilities, how we talk to each other and how to talk to our guests. Paul is working on creating a training manual for Va'ad members and officers. It is important to phrase questions to presenters politely and warmly. There were also suggestions about how to do a d'var torah.

Lea noted that the Mission High School lot is no longer an official place for members to park, and that parking there is at one's own risk.

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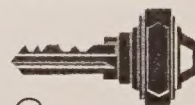
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New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

עליה (*aliyah*) - to go up;
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;
2) or when one moves to Israel

עמידה (*amidah*) -
silent standing prayer

אויף רופ (*auf ruf*) -
ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (Yiddish)

ביקור חולים (*bikkur cholim*) -
visiting the ill

בימה (*bimah*) - stage;
the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

בני מצוה (*b'nai mitzvah*) -
collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

דבר תורה (*devar torah*) -
words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

דור ראשון (*dor rishon*) -
first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

ערב (*erev*) - evening

גמילות חסדים (*gemilut chasadim*) - acts of loving kindness

הבדלה (*bavdalah*) -
ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

קבלת שבת (*kabbalat shabbat*) -
receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

קדיש (*kaddish*) -
prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

קדימה (*kadimah*) -
forward; CSZ religious school

קידוש (*kiddush*) -
blessing over wine

כיפה (*kippah*) -
head covering; yarmulke

לעתיד (*la'atid*) -
toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

מעריב (*ma'ariv*) - evening service
מחזור (*machzor*) -
High Holiday prayerbook

מזל טוב (*mazel tov*) - good luck;
used to mean congratulations

מנחה (*minchah*) -
afternoon service

מנהג (*minhag*) - custom

משפחה (*mishpachah*) - family

מצוה (*mitzvah*) -
commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

מוציא (*motzi*) -
blessing over bread

מוסף (*musaf*) - additional service

נחם (*naches*) - pride (Yiddish)

עונג (*oneg*) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

עשה שלום (*oseh shalom*) -
maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

פרשה (*parashah*) -
weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

ראש השנה (*Rosh Hashanah*) -
literally head of the year; Jewish New Year

שער זהב (*Sha'ar Zahav*) -
Golden Gate

שבת שלום (*Shabbat Shalom*) -
Sabbath peace

שחרית (*shacharit*) -
morning service

שכינה (*shechinah*) -
in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

שואה (*Shoah*) - the Holocaust

סידור (*siddur*) - prayerbook

טלית (*tallit/tallis*) - prayer shawl

תיקון עולם (*tikkun olam*) -
repair of the world

תודה רבה (*todah rabah*) -
thank you very much

צדקה (*tzedakah*) -
righteous act; mitzvah of giving

ועד (*va'ad*) - board

יאר צייט (*yahrzeit*) -
anniversary of a death (Yiddish)

יום כיפור (*yom kippur*) -
Day of Atonement

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- 1 Nancy Wecker and Lisa Wuennenberg
- 6 James Edlin and Eve Meyer
- 7 Jay Davidson and Tom Hartland
- 8 Michael Bettinger and Robert Goldstein
- 13 Virginia Donohue and Mark Klaiman
Andrew Parker-Rose and Mike Siani-Rose
- 14 Anne Bluethenthal and Donna Rae Palmer
- 17 Lisa Katz and Sharon Heath
Elizabeth and Michael Schaffer
- 24 Ann Daniels and Jonathan Zingman
- 29 Rachel Maclachlan and Nancy Silverrod

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

- 9/22 Oneg by **Mike Rankin** in honor of all the Jewish men and women who enjoy and contribute to the Folsom Street Fair festivities.
- 10/6 Oneg by **Betty and Bernard Miller** in loving memory of their son, Jeffrey Miller.
- 10/6 Flowers by **Mike Bromberg** in honor of Ken Repp's entrance into the covenant.
- 10/13 Oneg by **Susan Unger and Pam Erwin** in honor of their 10th anniversary.
- 10/27 Oneg by **Michael Bettinger and Robert Goldstein** in honor of the 13 anniversary of their kiddushin.

Special thanks to **David Maltz** who is generously sponsoring flowers for one service a month through the calendar year.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Steve Marshall
Tom Brennan-Hammerstein
Fran Newman
Lucy Cefalu
Joss and Mavis Elderidge
Emily Newfield and Rachael Reiley
David Thompson and Andy Higgins
Ellen Jacobs
Shoshana Levenberg
Marc Haberman
Robert Daroff
Karen A. Friedman
Steven Carp
Frances Stevens
David J. Blumberg
Danna Zeller
Helen S. Cohen
Bonnie Kates
Michael Levy
Gary Gartner
Joanne Kapsack, Bruce Kapsack
and Eli Kapsack

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Condolences

Leslie Weiniger on the death of her mother, Beverly Weiniger

Donald Berger on the death of his mother, Rose Berger

Robert Schwartz on the death of his mother, Edith Schwartz

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman on the death of their friend, Aura Milich

Sharyn Saslaffsky on the death of her cousin, Marty Trueheart

Bill Jones on the death of his father, William R. Jones

Rick Crane on the death of his aunt, Anna Crane

Danny Kodmur on the death of his cousin, Helen Binder

John Zingman on the death of his grandmother, Bernice Gold

Shira and Naomi Zingman-Daniels on the death of their great-grandmother, Bernice Gold

November Birthdays

- 1 Steven Polsky
Joss Eldredge
- 3 Adrienne Hornby
- 4 Matrisha Person
- 5 Hazel Olson-Dorf
Mara Shuster-Lefkowitz
Rabbi Eric Weiss
Steve Marshall
- 7 Rachel Kliegman
- 8 Misha Cohen
Tova Green
- 9 Shmulik Fishman
Stephan Howard
Martha Rosett
- 10 Elijah Lézell Jatovsky
Sean Martin-Hamburger
- 11 Joshua Katz
Patricia Lin
- 12 Michael Klain-Chavez
Richard Weiner
- 13 Zachary Barnes Miller
- 14 Ken Repp
- 15 Manny Fishman
Allton Vogel-Denebeim
- 16 Ruth Rainero
- 19 Susan Kirshbaum
- 20 Alan Gordon
- 21 Dorothy Goldstein-Stahl
Mark Greenberg
Deborah Kaufman
- 23 Benjamin Gustavson-Scharf
- 24 Mark Bowers
Ellie Cohen
- 26 Nancy Kates
- 28 Beatrice Lieberman
Judy Schwartz
- 29 Harold Podgur
David Rosenzweig
Mark Vogel
- 30 Beth Rubin